Day of Mourning Set for Sunday

From News Dispatches

President Johnson has proclaimed Sunday a day of national mourning to honor the memory of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

In a proclamation isued yesterday from the White House, the President said, "The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

He urged Americans "to walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

From the humble and the great, from political disciples and enemies of yesteryear, outpourings of tribute flowed toward Washington and the Kennedy family compound in Hyannisport, Mass.

The House of Representatives devoted almost three hours to eulogizing the late Senator. Repeatedly, members asked a common question: Why did it have to happen, why this resort to violence again?

On the opposite side of the Capitol, Vice President Humphrey asked special permission to express from the floor of the Senate his affection for Sen. Kennedy. His voice grave, at times unsteady, the Vice President urged an end to the "unreason and hate, extremism and violence in our midst."

Humphrey Eulogy

Remembering the man he opposed for the Democratic presidential nomination, Mr. Humphrey said "We have lost a great American, a man whose deep concern and compassion for mankind have inspired all of us in this chamber and millions throughout the world."

In Los Angeles, where she had flown to comfort Sen. Kennedy's widow, Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. asked: "How many husbands, how many fathers and how many sons must die before we as men, women, youths and children — before we as a Nation — will rise up in righteous indignation and demand an end to senseless violence?"

Mrs. King's own husband was killed just over two months ago by a gunman who still is sought.

From the Kingdom of Jordan — where the accused assassin of Sen. Kennedy was born — came a statement expressing grief and shock. Its Washington embassy said Jordanians are "horrified at the senseless crime which led to the termination of his (Sen. Kennedy's) brilliant and dedicated public service."

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, who lost to Kennedy in the California primary, said words would provide little solace to the Kennedy family.

"Let us seek to comfort them by our quiet mourning, our rejection of violence and reprisal, and by offering renewed dedication to the cause of peace and reconciliation which Kennedy served," the Wisconsin Democrat said.

Leading the Senate in mourning, Majority Leader Mike Mansfield read a poem he himself composed. At the time, the galleries were half-filled with tourists. He said:

"What in the name of God has happened to us?
"What does it take to awaken us from our deep sleep?
"Are we so blind that we cannot see?
"Are we so deal that we cannot hear
"Are we so deaf that we cannot understand?"

In Paris, Ambassador W. Averell Harriman, chief American negotiator in the Vietnamese peace talks, eulogized the late senator in extemporaneous remarks to the American College in Paris. "He was willing to accept people's hatreds . . . he was fearless in tackling the issues he considered important . . . he was one of the few people who accepted no excuses for his own defeats," Harriman told the graduating class.

Almost every member of the Senate and the House, along with many state governors, issued statements of personal bereavement.

Whitney Young, executive director of the National Urban League, wired Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy that "her husband's life is gone but the fires he ignited on behalf of the poor . . . can never be extinguished."

Nixon Adds Tribute

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, leading contender for the Republican Presidential nomination, called Sen. Kennedy "one of the great popular leaders in American history." He said the Kennedy children, will know as they grow up "their father was a young man of great courage who already had left his mark on history."

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, Nixon's rival for the GOP nomination, called the assassination "an unspeakable tragedy and a terrible loss to the Nation."

World Bank President Robert S. McNamara, canceled a proposed visit to the Far East and returned from Europe to Washington. Leaving West Germany, he told newsmen that "Robert Kennedy was the wisest, most intelligent, most compassionate political leader of the West."

All Funeral Flowers Directed to Arlington

NEW YORK, June 6 (UPI) — A spokesman for the Kennedy family in New York said today that Mrs. John F. Kennedy has requested that no flowers be sent to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Instead, he said, she asks that all floral tributes be sent to the Memorial Gate at Arlington Cemetery in Washington. Afterward, he said, they will be banked on the hillside.

By Wally McNamee—The Washington Post

Flags at base of Washington Monument fly at half-staff in honor of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

United Press International

Robert F. Kennedy sat with other members of his family in late 1960 for this family portrait at the Kennedy summer home in Hyannis Port, Mass. From left to right standing are his wife Ethel; his brother-in-law, Stephen Smith; his sister, Mrs. Stephen Smith; his brother, the late President John F. Kennedy; Sen. Kennedy; his sister, Mrs. Peter Lawford; his brother-in-law, Sargent Shriver; his sister-in-law, Mrs. Edward M. Kennedy; and his brother-in-law, Peter Lawford. Seated are his sister, Mrs. Sargent Shriver; his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy; his sister-in-law, Mrs. John F. Kennedy; and his brother, Edward M. Kennedy.